

**Finance Committee  
September 2, 2008  
5:45 PM  
MINUTES**

**Call to order:** Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 5:50pm

**Roll Call:** Present for roll call was Mr. Deeds, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon and Mr. Jarvis.  
Also in attendance: Mayor Ebert, Nanisa Osborn (Finance Director) and Christopher Strayer (Development Director).

Mr. Deeds noted that in the minutes from 8/2/08, under the Howe Industrial parkway update Manifold & Phalor are buying 7 or 8 acres, not 78 acres. (Correction made on the minutes).

Mrs. Mershon moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**       **AYES:**       **Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon**  
                 **NAYS:**  
                 Motion carried.

**Pended Items:**       None

**New Items for Discussion**

**08-26       Renew Agreement with Robert Curtin for Income Tax Compliance**

Ms. Osborn stated that Mr. Curtin assists with compliance for those who pay income tax and/or those who are supposed to be paying income tax and requested that his contract be renewed.

Mrs. Mershon asked how much money he has saved the village. Ms. Osborn stated that it has saved approximately \$65,000 this year.

Mr. Jarvis asked if he is involved in the identification or just the collection side. Ms. Osborn stated he is involved in both. She provides him with a list of contractors that are working in Canal and he follows up with them to make sure they are filing. If we have people that are filing and not paying, he can help with that as well.

Mr. Jarvis moved to forward this issue to full Council for consideration and will sponsor that. Seconded by Mrs. Mershon.

**VOTE:**       **AYES:**       **Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon**  
                 **NAYS:**  
                 Motion carried.

## **08-27            Review of Salary Ranges**

Ms. Osborn gave the executive summary of the salary ranges to the council members and explained the averages and analysis that Mr. Peoples added in the packet. She just wanted them to be able to start taking a look at it and be ready to make a recommendation at a later point.

Averages of specific salary ranges were discussed.

## **08-28            Amendment to Appropriation Ordinance**

This will accommodate the earlier grant made to Human Services. Mr. Deeds will sponsor this legislation.

## **08-29            Cooperative Agreement with the Central Ohio CIC regarding the Marathon Property**

Mr. Strayer stated that Franklin County has come back to us and said that they would pay for the demolition through some of the funding that they have if we could put some of the funding we had allocated for this back into the project to try to lower the sale price of the property. This is an agreement between us, Franklin County and the CIC to say that we will tear it down, they will reimburse the money and then it will be put back into the project.

Mr. Jarvis asked what amount of money is being discussed. Mr. Strayer stated it is not much of money. Further discussion ensued regarding the value and proposed sale price of the property.

### **Development Director's Report:**

Mr. Strayer added that Manifold & Phalor will not be back until October.

There is a re-zoning for Hartman's on 11 acres on Groveport Rd in September. Rockford, the other apartment developer will not be back until October for their meeting.

Mr. Jarvis asked if these are two separate projects or they are interested in the same land. Mr. Strayer stated they are two separate projects.

### **Finance Director's Report:**

Ms. Osborn spoke regarding a Resolution for the official certificate for the estimated resources. It has to be adopted by October the 1<sup>st</sup>. The Resolution verifies that we want to get the same inside tax millage next year as we have in the past.

Ms. Osborn has information from Mr. Snyder regarding the price of salt for this coming winter. Last year, we paid \$46.34/ton and used 800 tons. This year the quoted price right now is \$154/ton and it looks like at that rate the \$37,000 we spent last year will be at \$124,000 this year. If that is the case, we will be back for an adjustment from appropriations to accommodate that.

Mr. Jarvis asked if this is happening all over. Ms. Osborn stated that it is and it is because some areas used more than their allocated amount last year.

Mr. Paini asked if that was our only option. Ms. Osborn stated brine was an option before the weather comes in, but can't be reapplied after the weather comes in. There is also sand, but that just provides traction, it doesn't melt the ice.

Mr. Jarvis asked if there were man-made alternatives. There has been research on beet juice, some is working and some isn't.

Mr. Snyder will be coming in front of Service Committee to discuss this issue.

Ms. Osborn also noted that official statement is out for the bond issues that we passed legislation on last time.

An email was received regarding the Village's portfolio. Ms. Osborn stated that our portfolio is actively managed. Our lowest interest rate is 3% at the present time and some are as high as 5%. Also, it is appropriately insured.

#### **Other Business:**

Mr. Jarvis stated that he spoke to Penny Miller regarding the grant for Canal Winchester Human Services and gathered that the stipulation of using the money for services only had a great impact. The administrative portion and the services portion are quite intertwined. Mr. Jarvis told her that himself, Mr. Deeds and/or Dr. Bender will speak to their Board on September 9<sup>th</sup> and go into more detail as to the Council's concerns. Ms. Miller offered to speak to full Council tonight, but Mr. Jarvis told her that it would be premature at this time.

Mr. Jarvis suggested that for this year, since the fiscal year is beginning for Human Services, the stipulation be removed and note that there will be different parameters next year.

Mr. Deeds noted that he met with Ms. Miller as well and she stated that she has to find the funding for any program that she wants to run, as opposed to "finding money for herself". Mr. Jarvis stated he believes Council acted on what was in front of them and what they had was not the whole story. It will take some digging to uncover the whole story.

Ms. Mershon asked what she is making a year. Mr. Jarvis stated he doesn't know and reiterated that it will take further meetings and discussions to find answers to our questions. He wants to ease up on the stipulations and buy them time to dig further into it. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Paini suggested and it was agreed that it be left the same tonight until after the meeting with the Board.

#### **Adjournment:**

Mr. Paini moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Mershon.

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Paini, Mrs. Mershon</b>
	<b>NAYS:</b>	
	Motion carried.	Time out 6:45pm